GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1790
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2003
PRODUCTION OF TEXTILE MACHINERY
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to revamp to textile engineering industry;

(b) if so, whether the textile engineering industry recorded a 10% rise during 2002-03 in the value of machines produced at Rs.1,175 crore compared to Rs.1,072 crore in the preceding year;

(c) whether the situation at present calls for urgent restructuring of the textile Engineering Industry to render it more competitive and technologically relevant; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to revamp of textile engineering industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The Government has constituted a Working Group for the growth and development of the textile machinery industry. The terms of reference of the Working Group are as under:

(i) To study the current status of the Textile machinery manufacturing sector and prepare a baseline picture of the sector.

(ii) To prepare a vision 2020 statement for the sector.

(iii) To identify all relevant issues, technical, financial, legal, etc. concerning the sectoral growth.

(iv) To prepare a roadmap and suggest measures for the growth of the sector including R&D and export.

(v) To identify issues requiring urgent action and suggest measures to address them.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Apart from the constitution of the Working Group mentioned in reply to part (a) of the question herein above, Government has reduced the customs duty of a large number of textile machinery & components and has also exempted excise duty on automatic looms and shuttle-less looms in order to encourage its production. Further, the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) is in operation since April 1999 for technological upgradation of the Textiles and Jute industries, which offers opportunity to textile machinery industry also to sell their products.